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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.